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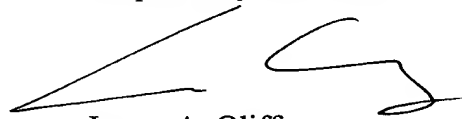
Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 1-12 and 14-17 are allowed. By this Amendment, claims 13 and 18 are amended, as the Examiner suggested.

The Office Action rejects claims 13 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 13 and 18 are amended, as indicated above, to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 13 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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